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PREAMBLE.

The members of "THE LADIES' AUXILIARY to the ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, in America declare that the intent and purpose of the Auxiliary is to promote FRIENDSHIP, UNITY AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY among its members, by raising or supporting a fund of money for maintaining the aged, sick, blind and infirm members and for aiding the orphans or dependants, for the legitimate expenses of the Auxiliary, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

The motto of the Auxiliary is "FRIENDSHIP, UNITY, AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY."

FRIENDSHIP shall consist in helping one another, and in assisting each other to the best of our power.

UNITY is combining together for mutual support in sickness and distress.

CHRISTIAN CHARITY, in loving one another, and doing to all men as we would wish that they should do unto us.

I. This Auxiliary is to be formed exclusively of practical Catholics. Therefore each member is expected to comply with all her Christian duties.

II. Should any of the members fail in the above, and instead of giving edification and encouragement, become a stumbling block and a disgrace to the Organization, such a one, after proper charitable admonition, unless there be an amendment in her conduct, shall be expelled from the auxiliary.

III. In order, however, that all may be done with justice, Christian charity and edification, there shall be in each County a Chaplain, as hereinafter provided, appointed by the Ordinary of the Diocese, to be consulted by the Division before determining anything relating to morality or religion.

IV. The Chaplain in each County shall see that nothing is done or countenanced by the Auxiliary which is contrary to the laws of the Catholic church, the Decrees of the Plenary Councils of Baltimore, and the Synodical Constitution of the Diocese. In any difficulty or doubt which he may not be able to solve, he shall consult the Ordinary of the Diocese.

V. All divisions of the Auxiliary shall adopt the foregoing Preamble, and their special Constitution and By-Laws of this Auxiliary and the constitution and By Laws of this Auxiliary and the Constitution and By Laws of the A. O. H. in America.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name by which this organization shall be known and distinguished is "THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS" in America.

SEC. 2. This organization pledges itself to the cause of Church and Country and to the welfare of the A. O. H. in America, and to exercise at all times, its influence in the interests of right and justice; and further, it hereby declares that its Constitution and By-Laws shall always be in accordance with those of the A. O. H. in America and the doctrine and laws of the Catholic church, and the decrees and instructions of the Plenary Councils of Baltimore.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The National President of the A. O. H. in America shall be the Supreme Officer of this Auxiliary, and have supervision and control thereof.

LAWS AS TO STATE, TERRITORIES AND PROVINCES IDENTICAL.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be State, Territorial and Provincial Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and County Presidents, who shall hold their offices for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified; Presidents, Vice Presidents, Recording and Financial Secretaries and Treasurers of Auxiliary Divisions and such other officers as may be provided for in the By-Laws of the various State, County, or Auxiliary Divisions, who shall hold their offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE III.

CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. There shall be National, State and County Chaplains of this Auxiliary who shall be those Clergymen appointed for the A. O. H. in America, and they shall exercise their powers over the Auxiliary within their respective jurisdictions.

SEC. 2. The duty of the Chaplains shall be to exercise spiritual supervision over their respective jurisdictions, and for this purpose they shall be admitted to all meetings held therein.

ARTICLE IV.

STATE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The State President shall preside at all meetings of the State Convention and State Officers, sign all orders drawn on the State Treasurer; organize or cause to be organized, one Auxiliary Division in each County in her State where none exists; direct all state processions, taking the lead thereof, guard the general welfare of the Order therein, make known its condition annually to the County Presidents, report to said Convention and make such recommendations thereto as in her judgment will best promote the interests of the Auxiliary, and have power by and with the consent of the State Secretary or Treasurer to call a special State Convention.

STATE SECRETARY.

SEC. 2. The State Secretary shall keep the minutes of the State Convention and meetings of the State Officers, correspond with the County Presidents of her state, assist the State President in all matters pertaining to the Auxiliany, report to the State Convention, and annually to the State President, receive all moneys due the State Officers, give receipts for, and at once turn the same over to the State Treasurer, sign all documents emanating from the State Board, countersign all orders on the State Treasurer, and deliver to her successor in office all the property of the Auxiliary in her possession. Within twenty days after her election she shall execute and deliver to the State President and State Treasurer as Trustees, a bond in such sum

as the State Convention may require, not less than five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of her office, to be approved and held by the State President, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, her office shall be declared vacant by the State President. She shall receive such compensation as the State Convention may determine, the same being paid quarterly out of the State Treasury.

STATE TREASURER.

SEC. 3. The State Treasurer shall receive from the State Secretary all moneys due the State Officers and give her receipt therefor, disburse the same on the order of the State President, countersigned by the State Secretary, with in ten days after receipt of such order; report to the State Convention and annually to the State President, and deliver to her successors in office all moneys and other property of the Order in her possession. Within twenty days after her election she shall execute and deliver to the State President and State Secretary, as Trustees a bond in such sum as the State Convention may require, not less than five hundred (500) Dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of her office, to be approved and held by the State President, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, her office shall be declared vacant by the State President. She shall receive such compensation as the State Convention may determine, the same being paid quarterly out of the State Treasury.

COUNTY PRESIDENT.

SEC. 4. The County President shall preside at all meetings of the County Board of Directors, organize or cause to be organized, Divisions of the Order throughout her County, by and with the consent of the Board of Directors of said County, notify the State Secretary and the Auxiliary Divisions in her County all expulsions from the Auxiliary, correspond with the State President, State Secretary, and the President of each Division in her County at least once a year, take the lead of all County processions, and collect all moneys due National or State Officers and at once turn the same over to the State Secretary.

SEC. 5. On or about the first of March, June, September and December of each year, the Auxiliary County President shall issue, or cause to be issued, bills for all dues of the succeeding quarter, and the Auxiliary Presidents, shall at once draw an order on the Treasurers of their Auxiliary Divisions for the full amount demanded and forward the same to the County President, who will in turn forward to the State Secretary the amount due, and she will immediately forward the same to the State Treasurer who shall at once remit to the National Secretary of the A. O. H. in America the amount due the National Officers of said Order, who on receipt thereof will forward the usual quarterly communication to all Auxiliary State Presidents, shall disburse them to the Presidents of each Auxiliary Division in good standing, financially and otherwise.

ARTICLE V.

DIVISION PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of her Division, see that officers and members discharge their respective duties, enforce the laws and sign all orders on the Treasurer.

VICE PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of her duties, and in her absence officiate in her stead, and in the absence of both, a chairman shall be elected by the members present, with all the powers and privileges of the President.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Division and a correct roll of the members, notify members of special meetings, the Standing Committee of matters referred to them, and Special Committees of their appointment and business, file all reports offered and accepted, countersign all orders on the Treasury, notify applicants for membership, members resigning and suspended of the action of the Division

within one week thereafter, and at the annual meeting report the number of members elected, resigned, suspended, expelled, transferred and who died during the past year, the names of members complying with the Easter duty as prescribed by this Constitution, and deliver to her successor in office all the property of the Division in her possession.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a correct account of all receipts of her Division, record the names of officers and members absent from meetings, parades, etc., notify members of their arrears, collect initiation fees, dues, fines and assessments, and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting, countersign all transfer cards, inform the Visiting Committee as to the sickness of members and their standing, make quarterly reports to the Division showing its financial condition, notify members three months in arrears, and deliver to her successor in office all property of the Division in her possession. Within fifteen days after her election she shall execute and deliver to the President, as Trustee, a bond in such sum as the Division may require, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of her office, to be approved and held by the President, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, her office shall be declared vacant by the President.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and expended, receipt for all moneys paid her by the Financial Secretary, pay no money except on an order properly endorsed, report quarterly all moneys received and disbursed by her, and deliver to her successor in office all moneys and property of the Division in her possession. Within fifteen days after her election, she shall execute and deliver to the President, as Trustee, a bond in such sum as the Division may require, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of her office, to be approved and held by the President, and failing to execute and deliver such bond, her office shall be declared vacant by the President.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The State Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers shall be elected by the State Conventions; the County Presidents by the County Conventions; but in cases where only one Division exists in the County the County President shall be elected by said Division; Division officers by their respective Divisions.

SEC. 2. The election for State, County and Division Officers shall be held within forty days after the adjournment of the National Convention in the following order: First, State Election; second, County Election; third, Division Election. The State Conventions shall be called by the State President and County Conventions by the County President. All elections shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.

CONVENTIONS AND HOW COMPOSED.

SECTION 1. The following officers shall be eligible to seats in the State Convention. The State Officers, ex-State Presidents in good standing, County Presidents, the five officers of each Division, or alternates, provided, however, that each State Convention may limit the representation from each Division to no less than one of the five Division Officers. All ex-State Presidents in good standing shall have continuous membership in the State, Territorial or Provincial Conventions, but shall not be entitled to vote.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

SEC. 2. The following officers shall be eligible to seats in the County Convention: The County President, the five officers of each Division, and such other officers as said Convention may determine.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. The State Board of Directors shall consist of the State Officers and County Presidents.

SEC. 2. The County Board of Directors shall consist of the County President, the five officers of each Division,

and such other officers as the County Convention may determine. The County Convention is hereby authorized to elect by a two-thirds vote a Board of Directors consisting of the County President and six other members thereof, who shall be vested with and exercise all powers of the County Board, except the election of the County President.

ARTICLE IX.

NEW DIVISION, HOW ORGANIZED.

SECTION 1. In case twenty members or persons eligible to membership shall apply in writing to the County Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the A. O. H. for the organization of a Division, and their request shall not be complied with, any member of said County Board may appeal to the State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who if she deems it for the best interest of the Auxiliary, will direct the County President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to organize such Division, which direction shall be promptly complied with, under pain of suspension.

SEC. 2. No member of the Order shall be initiated a charter member of a Division until she has paid all dues, fines and assessments to her Division and filed her resignation with the Secretary thereof.

ARTICLE X.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any woman who is a practical Catholic, who is Irish, or Irish descent through either parent, or who is a mother or wife of any member of the A. O. H. in America, not under sixteen, nor over fifty years of age, shall be eligible to membership in this organization; provided, that persons, otherwise qualified, over fifty years of age may be admitted to honorary membership without right or claim to benefits in case of sickness or death, by paying the initiation fees and dues hereinafter required.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. Any person desiring to become a member of this Auxiliary shall make application on the blanks furnished by the Recording Secretary, which, upon being

read by the Recording Secretary at any regular or duly organized meeting of the Auxiliary Division, shall be referred to a Special Committee of three, who shall investigate the character and qualifications of the applicant and report thereon at the next regular meeting, when she shall be balloted for, and unless five of the ballots are cast against her she shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE XI.

INITIATION FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee of this Auxiliary shall not be less than one dollar. The dues shall not be less than ten cents per month, but honorary members shall not be required to pay over twenty-five cents per month.

ARTICLE XII.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The State President shall appoint all necessary committees for the State Convention, unless otherwise ordered, and for that purpose the several County Presidents shall, at the opening of the Convention, present nominations, in writing, for the various committees to the State President.

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DIVISION COMMITTEES.

SEC. 3. Division Committees consisting of not more than three, shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer; all others elected by the meeting, unless otherwise ordered.

SICK COMMITTEE HOW CHOSEN.

SEC. 4. Each Division shall have a Sick Committee, Employment Committee, Literary Committee and Finance Committee, consisting of not less than three members each, and appointed or elected as aforesaid, and a Standing

Committe consisting of five members, to be elected at the annual election of the Division, and serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SICK COMMITTEE DUTIES.

SEC. 5. The Sick Committee upon proper notice, shall visit a sick member, ascertain the cause and duration of her sickness, and make report of same to the Division, certifying the time such member has been sick, and the amount of benefits, if any, to which she is entitled.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

SEC. 6. The Employment Committee shall assist all worthy Sisters in securing employment, and render the unemployed members such assistance as may be in their power.

LITERARY COMMITTEE.

Sec. 7. The Literary Committee shall provide entertainments for the Division meetings, encourage and aid in establishing libraries where practicable.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. The Finance Committee shall examine and report on all bills presented, demand an itemized bill therefor when deemed necessary, inspect and audit the books, accounts and reports of the Treasurer, Secretaries and all other officers and committees having received or disbursed moneys belonging to the Division, and for this purpose they shall fix a time and place to meet each or all of the above named officers or Committees and report in writing, to their Divisions at the next regular meeting in December and June of each year, the condition of the funds of the Division.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 9. The Standing Committee shall try all charges preferred against members, adjust disputes or grievances, and perform such other duties as may be assigned thereto,

ARTICLE XIII.

SICK BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. The giving of sick benefits and the amount thereof, together with appropriation for funeral expenses shall be optional with each state organization of this Auxiliary.

SEC. 2. To be entitled to receive benefits, a sick member shall cause notice of her illness to be sent to the Financial Secretary of her Division, who shall immediate-notify a member of the Sick Committee, which committee shall report to their Division, but no benefits shall be allowed for the first week's illness unless otherwise determined by the State Convention at its regular biennial meeting. No member shall be allowed sick benefits until she has been six months a member of the Auxiliary, and no member who at the beginning of any sickness, has three month's due, or any fines or assessments standing against her for three months, shall receive any benefits for that sickness.

SEC. 3. States paying an insurance or benefit of not less than Three Hundred Dollars on the death of a member, may determine not to pay sick benefits or funeral expenses or the Convention in such states may delegate the power of making such determination to the County Boards or Divisions. Provided however no member in any such state, who has been transferred thereto from any other state, shall be deprived of the benefits mentioned in this article.

ARTICLE XIV.

HOLY COMMUNION.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the members of this Order to receive Holy Communion at least once a year within the Easter time.

ARTICLE XV.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS.

SECTION 1. No Division shall hold a public entertainment, or meeting for any other purpose than the legitimate

business of the Order, without first obtaining permission from the County President and approval of the County Chaplain.

ARTICLE XVI.

NATIONAL DUES.

SECTION 1. Each Division shall pay through the proper channel twenty cents each quarter to the National Secretary of the A. O. H. in America, and such *per capita* assessment as may be levied thereby, to defray the necessary expenses for the maintenance and extension of the Order.

ARTICLE XVII.

SECTION 1. Each State and County Convention may regulate and determine the assessments necessary for the legitimate expenses of said State or County.

ARTICLE XVIII.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Each State, County and Division shall have the power to make such By-Laws for the government thereof as do not conflict with this Constitution, or the Constitution of the A. O. H. in America, and provide a penalty for a failure or refusal to comply therewith. The State By-Laws to be first approved by the State President of the A. O. H. in America; County and Division By-Laws by the County President of the A. O. H. in America.

ARTICLE XIX.

SECTION 1. Any Division Officer-elect, failing or refusing to be installed after being duly notified by the proper officer of the time and place thereof, unless prevented by sickness, shall forfeit her right to the office and another member be elected in her stead.

ARTICLE XX.

RESIGNATION, TRANSFER, ETC.

SECTION 1. Any member upon giving written notice of her intention to resign from the Division, shall be permitted to do so, provided she is not indebted thereto.

TRANSFER WITHIN COUNTY.

SEC. 2. Any member in good standing desiring to be transferred from one Division to another in the same city or town shall, upon application to, and approval of the County Board, or a majority thereof, at a duly organized meeting, be furnished with the proper transfer card, which shall entitle her to admission in the Division she desires to join, providing she is accepted by said Division, by a majority vote, otherwise her membership shall revert back to the Division issuing the transfer card.

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COUNTY.

SEC. 3. Any member in good standing desiring to be transferred from one Division to another, not in the same city or town, shall make application to the County President, and she shall be granted a transfer card to be forwarded if necessary to the County President of the County in which the Division she desires io join is located. Such County President shall send same to the President of the Division the member desires to join, and such Division shall receive her, provided, however, a satisfactory certificate of good health may be required.

ARTICLE XXI.

SECTION 1. Members of this Order shall join and belong to a Division in the city or town in which they reside if the Order exists therein.

ARTICLE XXII.

DIVISION REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Divisions shall report annually in the month of January through their Financial Secretary to the County President, the number of members in good and bad standing, on the 31st of December last past, the number admitted during the year, the names of those suspended, rejected, expelled, resigned, transferred, as well as the cause; and who died, also financial standing, including receipts and disbursements. It shall be the duty of each County President to furnish such reports in a compiled form to the National Secretary of the A. O. H. in America, through the Auxiliary State Secretary.

The National Secretary of the A. O. H. in America shall transmit to each State President such information compiled therefrom as the interest of the Order may demand, and each State President, through her Secretary, shall transmit, through the County President, to the several Divisions, the list of the expelled members, and such other information as is deemed necessary for the welfare of the Division. A failure or a refusal to comply with the provisions of this section, shall cause the usual quarterly communications to be withheld until such reports are furnished.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DISORGANIZED DIVISIONS.

SECTION 1. Any Division or Divisions that may disorganize, shall turn over their funds and property to the County President, which officer shall take possession thereof, and turn the same over to the County Board; provided however, in Counties where only one Division exists and same disorganizes, all moneys and property shall be turned over to the State Officers.

ARTICLE XXIV.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 1. The National President of the A. O. H. in America shall order a General Assembly of the Auxiliaries to be held at the same time and place as the A. O. H. in America Convention. Delegates to said Assembly shall be two of the State Officers or Alternates to be chosen by its Auxiliary State Convention.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said General Assembly shall be to formulate and submit such ammendments to this Constitution and the Ritual as shall be considered best for the government of this Auxiliary, to the National Convention of the A. O. H. in America, for final action.

ARTICLE XXV.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

SECTION 1. It shall be compulsory on all Divisions to raise a fund to send two State Officers or Alternates to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XXVI.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

SECTION 1. St. Patrick's Day shall be the National Holiday of the Auxiliary, and be celebrated in such a manner as the several State Conventions may determine.

ARTICLE XXVII.

APPEALS FOR AID.

SECTION 1. No member of this Auxiliary shall in behalf of any Division or member thereof send tickets or appeals of any character, soliciting financial aid, to another Division or member in the same County, without first having obtained the written consent of the County Board of Directors, nor to any Division or member in another County in the same State, without having first obtained the written consent of the Auxiliary State President, nor to any Division or member in the different states, without having first obtained the written consent of the National President of the A. O. H. in America.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

RITUAL.

SECTION 1. In all State, County and Division meetings the Ritual adopted by the National Assembly of this Auxiliary and approved by the National Chaplain of the A. O. H. in America shall be used and obeyed in the work of the Order.

ARTICLE XXIX.

OFFENCES AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.

SECTION 1. Any Division which shall violate the Constitution or By Laws shall be tried by the proper tribunal and if found guilty, fined, suspended or expelled.

SEC. 2. Any Division failing to pay dues, fines or assessments, when payable, shall be tried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, fined, suspended or expelled.

SEC. 3. Any member failing to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during Easter time, at the time place and manner determined by her Division, shall be ried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, suspended.

SEC. 4. Any Division officer or member of the County Board of Directors absenting herself from a regular meeting of her Division or said Board, unless excused by her Division or said Board, shall be fined in the sum of fifty cents, and if she either absents herself from three successive regular meetings, or fails or refuses to pay said fine, she shall be tried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, suspended, removed or expelled.

SEC. 5. Any member absenting herself from a regular meeting, unless excused by the Division, shall be fined ten cents by the presiding officer, sicknes or absence from the city or locality excepted.

SEC. 6. Any person joining this Order under an assumed name or age, or having any bodily ailment which she conceals, shall be tried by the proper tribunal and if found guilty expelled from the Order never to be re-admitted.

SEC. 7. Any member who shall talk of any business that transpires at Division meetings, to other than members in good standing, shall be tried by the proper tribunal and if found guilty expelled never to be re-admitted.

SEC. 8. Any member who shall divulge the password of the Auxiliary to any person except the duly authorized officers within the Division room, shall be tried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, expelled, never to be readmitted.

SEC. 9. Any officer or member who shall fail or neglect to perform her duties, commit any offence which tends to bring discredit upon or injure the Order, or be injurious to her health, shall be tried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, suspended or expelled.

SEC. 10. Any officer or member who collects any money belonging to the Auxiliary and fails or neglects to pay over same to the proper officer within thirty days after its receipt, shall be tried by the proper tribunal, and if found guilty, suspended or expelled.

SEC. 11. Any member who shall allow her dues, fines or assessments to remain unpaid for the period of three months shall be notified in writing by the Financial Secretary, and failing to pay such arrearages at the next meeting, shall be suspended, and any member so suspended shall not be reinstated unless she makes application therefor within ninety days thereafter, and pay all arrearages for

which she was suspended, and all dues and assessments accruing between the time of her suspension and the time of application for reinstatement shall be paid, and not then unless the Division agree thereto by a majority vote.

SEC. 12. Any member suspended under the foregoing section, who fails to apply for reinstatement within the prescribed time, shall not be admitted to membership in another Division until she pays the amount due the Division from which she was suspended.

ARTICLE XXX.

SUSPENSION, ETC.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the National President to suspend from office any State Officer upon satisfactory proof that such officer has failed or neglected to perform her duties, or has committed any offense which tends to bring discredit upon or injure the Order, and upon such suspension to appoint one of the other State Officers to act in her stead.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the State President to suspend from office any County President upon satisfactory proof that such officer has failed or neglected to perform her duties or has committed any offence which tends to bring discredit upon or injure the Order, and upon such suspension to appoint one of the Division officers to act in her stead. Within fifteen days after such suspension she shall report the same to the State Officers, with the reasons for such suspension, whereupon the State Officers shall, after notice to such officer and investigation, affirm or reverse the same.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the State President to suspend any Division, upon satisfactory proof that it has violated the Constitution or State By-Laws. Within fifteen days after such supension she shall report the same to the State Officers, with the reasons for such suspension, whereupon the State Officers shall, after notice to such Divisions and investigation, affirm or reverse the same.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the County President to suspend from office any Division Officer upon satisfactory proof that such officer has failed or neglected to perform her duties, or has committed any offence which tends to bring discredit upon or injure the order, and upon such

suspension to appoint one of the other Division officers to act in her stead. Within fifteen days after such suspension she shall report the same to the County Board of Directors with the reasons for such suspension, whereupon, the Board shall, after notice to such officers and investigation, affirm or reverse the same.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the President of each Division to suspend from membership any member of her Division, upon satisfactory proof that such member has failed or neglected to perform her duties or who has committed any offence which tends to bring discredit upon or injure the Order. Within ten days after such suspension she shall report the same to the Standing Committee of her Divisions with the reasons for such suspensions, whereupon the Standing Committee shall, after notice to such member and investigation, affirm or reverse the same.

ARTICLE XXXI.

TRIALS.

SECTION 1. The proper tribunal for the trial of all offences shall be :

First—For State Officers, the National President of the A. O. H. in America.

Second—For County Presidents and Divisions, the State Officers.

Third—For Division Officers, the County Board of Directors.

Fourth—For members, the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XXXII.

APPEALS.

SECTION 1. Any County President or Division may appeal from the decision of the State Convention to the National President of the A. O. H. in America. Any Division Officers can appeal from the decision of the Auxiliary County Board to the Auxiliary State officers. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Auxiliary Standing Committee to the Auxiliary Division.

SEC. 2. Any County President desiring to appeal from the decision of the State Officers shall, within twenty days thereafter, file with the State Secretary a notice of her intention to appeal therefrom to the State Convention, stating the grounds relied upon to reverse said decision, whereupon the State Secretary shall submit such appeal and evidence furnished the State Officers to the State Convention. Any Division desiring to appeal from the decision of the State Officers, shall within twenty days thereafter, file with the State Secretary, a notice of its intention to appeal therefrom to the State Convention, stating the grounds relied upon to reverse said decision, whereupon the State Secretary shall submit such appeal and evidence furnished the State Officers to the State Convention.

SEC. 3. Any Division officer desiring to appeal from the decision of the County Board of Directors, shall within ten days thereafter file with the County President a notice of her intention to appeal therefrom to the State Officers stating the grounds relied upon to reverse said decision, whereupon the County President shall transmit the evidence furnished the County Board of Directors, to the State Secretary, who shall submit such appeal and evidence to the State Officers. Any member desiring to appeal from the decision of the Standing Committee shall, within five days thereafter, file with the Chairman of the same a notice of her intention to appeal therefrom, to the County Board of Directors, stating the grounds to be relied upon to reverse said decision, whereupon the Chairman shall transmit the evidence furnished the Standing Committee to the Auxiliary County President, who shall submit such appeal and evidence to the Auxiliary County Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

SECTION 1. In the event of the removal from office by death or otherwise of any State Officer, the remaining State Officers, by and with the consent of a majority of the Auxiliary County Presidents of the State, shall fill such vacancy.

SEC. 2. In the event of the removal from office by death or otherwise of any County President, the Auxiliary County Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy.

SEC. 3. In the event of the removal from office by death or otherwise of any Division Officer, the Auxiliary Division shall fill such vacancy.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

INSURANCE—RULES FOR GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The Auxiliary State Convention of any state, which now has or may hereafter have an insurance organization, is hereby empowered to make such rules for its government as may be deemed necessary; provided, however, they shall not require any member who shall be transferred to such state to comply with such rules, but if she does not comply therewith, she shall be entitled to Constitutional benefits only.

SEC. 2. The word assessment or assessments used in this Constitution shall not be construed to refer to insurance or death benefit assessments.

ARTICLE XXXV.

LADIES' AUXILIARY—ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. Ladies' Auxiliaries to the A. O. H. in America may be organized through the various states under the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

ARBITRATION.

SECTION 1. All disputes which cannot be disposed of by the ordinary methods of the Auxiliary shall be referred to the National President of the A. O. H. in America. His decision, when approved by the National Chaplain, shall be fined.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Constitution may be amended at any General Assembly of the Auxiliary by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and shall become parts of the

Constitution only after they have been approved by t
National President of the A. O. H. in America and t
National Chaplain.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

SUPPLEMENTASY BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. All Supplementary By-Laws made for th
government of states and counties must be in harmon
with this Constitution.

SEC. 2. This Constitution shall take effect immediatel
All parts of this Constitution relating to State Officers ar
state affairs shall apply to District of Columbia, Territori
and Provincial Officers, and said District, Territorial an
Provincial affairs so far as the same is applicable.

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